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SUBJECT: "PRG" ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

REF: A) GENEVA 691 NOTAL; B) STATE 23914

1. THIS MESSAGE BEING SENT PER TELCON WITH DEPARTMENT.

2. IN DRAMATIC VOTE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 4 CONFERENCE REJECTED PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION FOR INVITATION TO "PRG" ON BASIS MAJORITY VOTE. ACTUAL VOTE WAS 41-41, BUT CONFERENCE RULE STATES THAT IN EVENT OF TIE PROPOSITION IS DEFEATED. CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, SWISS FONMIN GRABER, SUBSEQUENTLY RULED AS RESULT THAT RULE 32, REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE FOR CONSIDERATION OF "PRG" INVITATION, APPLIES, THUS UPHOLDING U.S. POSITION ON THIS VITAL PROCEDURAL ISSUE. HOWEVER, SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY MAY MOUNT A CHALLENGE

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TO CHAIRMAN'S RULING DURING PLENARY SESSION FEBRUARY 5.

3. CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATIONS OF THEIR LIKELY POSITION,
IN FEB 4 VOTING LIBERIA AND NIGER WERE ABSENT, AND MOROCCO
VOTED FOR APPLICATION RULE 35.

4. WE REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO APPROACH
HOST MFA'S EARLY FEB 5 TO URGE THEIR SUPPORT FOR CHAIRMAN'S
RULING. IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTIONS REF B IT MIGHT BE SUGGESTED
SUCH ACTION WOULD BE COURTEOUS TOWARD HOST COUNTRY CHAIRMAN AND
WOULD DISPOSS QUICKLY OF CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL ISSUE.
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